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1.	This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).																								
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4.	The International Bureau will communicate this report to designated Offices in accordance with Rules 44bis.3(c) and 93bis.1 but not, except where the applicant makes an express request under Article 23(2), before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date (Rule 44bis .2).																								

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TRANSLATION

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To:

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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
 - ☐ the translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3(a) and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - ☐ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
 - ☐ on paper
 - ☐ in electronic form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in electronic form
 - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>2 - 15</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>1</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>8</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>2 - 7, 9 - 15</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1 - 15</u>	YES
	Claims	<u></u>	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Box V

1 Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US 2001/022551 A1 (BARNETT RONALD J)
20 September 2001 (2001-09-20)

D2: US 4 717 905 A (MORRISON, JR. *ET AL.*)
5 January 1988 (1988-01-05)

D3: DE 100 44 288 A1 (CONTINENTAL TEVES AG & CO.
OHG) 19 July 2001 (2001-07-19)

D4: DE 39 09 466 A1 (DODUCO GMBH + CO DR. EUGEN
DUERRWAECHTER, 7530 PFORZHEIM, DE)
4 October 1990 (1990-10-04)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

2.1 The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

Document D1 discloses (the references between parentheses refer to this document):

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a device (fig. 2C) for detecting the state of a tyre (2) on a wheel of a vehicle, with at least one sensor (4) which determines state data of the tyre (2) and outputs it to a receiver unit (8) of the vehicle, wherein at least one vehicle-end sensor (4) is provided, which determines values representing a distance ($DIST_{actual}$) from at least one measuring target (fig. 2C) which is defined on the tyre (2) and outputs said values to an evaluation device (6, 12) which determines state data ("pressure", "temperature") of the tyre (2) from them (paragraphs 44 - 47).

Furthermore, D2 and D3 also present all the features of claim 1.

3 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2 - 7, 9 - 15

Claims 2 - 7 and 9 - 15 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step (see D1 - D4 in this respect).

4. DEPENDENT CLAIM 8

The definition of a first measurement target on an edge of the tyre, and of a further measurement target on the wheel, in which case the further measurement target serves as a reference measurement target, is neither known from the prior art nor suggested by it.